18th October 1927]

Appendix IX.

[Vide answer to question No. 542 asked by Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 18th October 1927, page 46 supra]

G.O. No. 1378, L. & M., dated 23rd April 1925.

Under sections 9, 10 and 15 of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1884, the Collector was ex-officio member and president of the district board and the Revenue Divisional Officer was ex-officio member of the district board as well as member and president of the taluk board.

2. The Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, does not contain similar provisions though the appointing authority may under sub-section (4) of section 9 appoint Collectors and Revenue Divisional Officers to nominated seats on district and taluk boards. The presence of the Collector on the district boards of Ramnad, Tinnevelly, Madura, Kistna, Trichinopoly, South Arcot and Ganjam was considered desirable by the presidents of the district boards concerned and on their initiative the Government appointed the Collector in each case.

3. The Advisory Committee for Local and Municipal Administration recently considered the subject of nominating Collectors and Revenue Divisional Officers as members of district and taluk boards respectively and expressed the opinion that it is desirable to nominate Collectors and Revenue Divisional Officers as members of local boards The Government see no objection provided that the officers are willing to serve.

4. The president of a district board on which the Collector is not a member is accordingly at liberty to invite the Collector to serve on the board and, wherever he is willing, to forward a nomination roll to Government.

5. The president of a taluk board may likewise invite the Revenue Divisional Officer to serve on the taluk board and move the president, district board, to nominate him in case the officer is willing and the Collector concerned sees no objection.

(By order of the Government, Ministry of Local Self-Government)

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Acting Secretary to Government.

To all Collectors.
,, Presidents of District Boards.

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